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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: CIA Report on Enemy Logistics and  
Manpower Developments

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Attached at Tab A is the CIA's weekly report covering April 17-24, 1973 on Communist logistics and manpower infiltrations. The report states that heavy North Vietnamese logistic activity continues in the North Vietnam Panhandle, in northern South Vietnam and in adjacent areas of Laos, but that infiltration of military personnel ended. However, small groups of special purpose cadre continue to be detected in the pipeline.

-- No combat personnel have been observed in the infiltration trail, but during the reporting period 16 special purpose groups (or about 425 men) were newly detected in Laos and North Vietnam. Since January 28, a total of 15,000 North Vietnamese personnel have entered the pipeline.

-- In southern South Vietnam, relocations by elements of up to 3 NVA divisions have substantially increased the concentration of Communist units (6 regiments, 2 division headquarters) in the northern delta/Cambodian border area near the potential entry point of Hong Ngu. Meanwhile, the North Vietnamese have probably deployed at least two AAA regiments from southern Laos into Cambodia since mid-February. This is the first deployment of North Vietnamese AAA regiments into the COSVN area of Cambodia.

-- The level of detected vehicle traffic moving in Laos declined somewhat during the past week, but the rate remained high. High levels of resupply are also reported in the central and southern Laotian panhandle and eastern Cambodia. Allied air strikes in Cambodia against traffic control points and moving targets are causing considerable destruction of facilities and supplies, but large volumes continue to be moved. The

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Communist legal<sup>?</sup> entry route from Minot and Krek through Xa Mat (where the ICCS is still absent) in MR-3 reportedly is carrying all types of military-related traffic; construction of new roads and extensive storage of facilities is proceeding rapidly in the MR-3/Cambodian border.

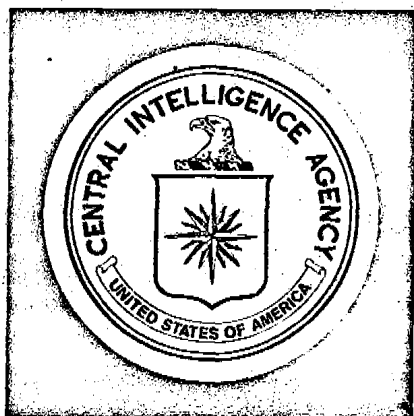
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